

### **REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of the claims in view of the remarks set forth below. Claims 7-13, and 18-20 remain in the application. Claims 1-6, and 14-17 have been cancelled. Claims 7-13 and 18 have been amended. Claims 19-20 remain unchanged. Claims 21 and 21 are new.

#### **35 U.S.C. §112**

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-6 and 14-17 have been cancelled. Additionally, in response to the examiner's remarks, the applicants have amended claims 7-13 and 18 to overcome the rejection. Further, claims 19-20, being dependent on and further limiting independent claim 18 now proposed to overcome the examiner's rejection, are also proposed to overcome the examiner's rejection. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection to claims 7-13 and 18-20 be withdrawn.

#### **35 U.S.C. §103**

Claims 1-6, and 14-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hobbs et al. Claims 1-6 and 14-17 have been cancelled.

#### **New Claims**

Claims 21 and 22 have been added as claims dependent on independent claim 18. Claims 21 and 22 contain limitations similar to those found in cancelled claims 16 and 17 respectively. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully propose that the claims 21 and 21 stand in condition for allowance based on the remarks above and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

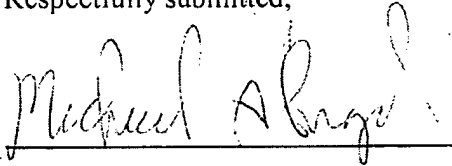
The examiner has indicated that independent claims 7 and 18 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

**Conclusion**

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicants' agent at (317) 587-4027, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

No additional fee is believed due in regard to the present amendment. However, if an additional fee is due, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

Respectfully submitted,



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